

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

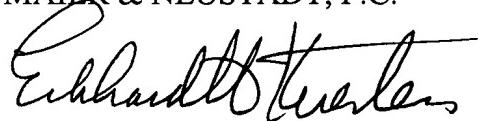
Claims 1-31 are presently active in this case, the specification amended by way of the present amendment.

Support for the above changes to the specification is provided, for example, by Figure 8 of Applicant's disclosure as originally filed. Therefore, the changes are not believed to raise a question of new matter.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-31 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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